(*e*) Are the Government aware that there is strong dissatisfaction at the present redistribution of wards? If so, do they propose to enquire into the matter and remedy the defect?

**MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR** (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes, the increase was necessitated by the growth of population and the increase in area of the Nagercoil Municipality. There was a resolution of the Council to that effect.

(*b*) (i) Yes.

(ii) The Executive Engineer, the Tahsildar, the Medical Officer, the Headmaster and the President of the Municipal Council.

(iii) No.

(iv) On the principle of population.

(*c*) In regard to the first portion of the question, a statement* giving the information required by the member is laid on the table. In regard to the second part, information regarding population, number of houses and voters according to communities is not available and the Government do not propose to call for the same.

(*d*) The answer is in the affirmative.

(*e*) No.

*Nagercoil Municipal Finances.*

9. **MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI** (*Tovala*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether there was any cash deposit in the Agastisvaram treasury to the credit of the Nagercoil Municipality at the time when the last council was constituted? If so, what was the amount so deposited and for what purpose was it originally set apart?

(*b*) Was there any expenditure charged to this deposit? If so, for what item was it utilised and in which year, and how much of this is still left?

(*c*) What was the revenue and the expenditure for the years 1098, 1099 and 1100?

(*d*) Was there any revision of tax on houses? If so, when was it? What was the percentage rate both before and after the said revision?

(*e*) Was any amount written off under house tax or other cess in the years 1098, 1099 and 1100? If so, in respect of which wards was it so done? What were the respective amounts so written off for the above years?

(*f*) Was there any final audit of the Municipal fund? If so, when and by whom was it done?

**MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR** (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) A sum of Rs. 15,000 was deposited by the Council to its credit in the Agastisvaram treasury on the 23rd Chingam 1099. There was no specific purpose for which this was set apart.

* *Vide* Appendix IV—page 21.

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[Mr. T. P. Ramasubba Aiyar.]

(*b*) Yes, a sum of Rs. 10,000 was drawn till now for various original works of public utility. A sum of Rs. 5,000 excluding interest is still left in the treasury.

| (*c*) *Year.* | *Receipts.* | *Expenditure.* |
|---|---|---|
| | Rs. | Rs. |
| 1098 | 48,816 | 44,395 |
| 1099 | 47,205 | 51,585 |
| 1100 | 47,518 | 55,558 |

(*d*) Yes, from the 2nd half of 1097; 2½ per cent. and 3 per cent. respectively.

(*e*) A statement * containing the information required by the member is laid on the table.

(*f*) Yes, during Tulam 1100 by Mr. K. M. Mathan, Assistant Account Officer.

*Nagercoil Municipal Election Cases.*

10. **MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI** (*Tovala*): (1) (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether they were aware that two municipal election petitions were pending before the Additional District Magistrate, Padmanabhapuram, at the time of the election of the Chairman in the Nagercoil Municipality? If so, when were the above two petitions filed? How long have they been pending?

(*b*) Was any enquiry made into the cause of the delay?

(2) In view of the increase in the number of elected representatives from thirteen to fifteen, will the Government be pleased to state whether there was any special reason for not deferring the election of the Chairman till the final disposal of the two petitions referred to in part (1) (*a*)?

**MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR** (*Secretary to Government*): (1) (*a*) Yes. The objection petitions were filed on the 16th Tulam 1101 and 25th Tulam 1101 and they were disposed of by the Division Peishkar on the 24th Meenam 1101.

(*b*) The delay was found, on enquiry, to be due to the absence of Vakils in the election cases and to the illness of the President, Municipal Council, Nagercoil.

(2) There were no special reasons; the election was ordered in the usual course in the absence of any request for its postponement.

*Appointments, Issue of Commission, etc., in the Nagercoil District Court.*

11. **MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI** (*Tovala*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of commissioners, receivers, Crown defences, clerks, etc., appointed by the District Judge of Nagercoil with their respective names and castes;

* *Vide* Appendix V—page 22.

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# Appendix V.

***Vide* Answer to Question No. 9**

Statement showing the amounts written off under house tax and scavenging fees in the Municipal Council, Nagercoil, during the years 1098, 1099 and 1100.

| Name of ward. | House tax. | | | | | | | | | Scavenging fees. | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1098 | | | 1099 | | | 1100 | | | 1098 | | | 1099 | | | 1100 | | |
| | Rs. | Chs. | C. | Rs. | Chs. | C. | Rs. | Chs. | C. | Rs. | Chs. | C. | Rs. | Chs. | C. | Rs. | Chs. | C. |
| Krishnancoil East ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | 9 | 13 | ... | 25 | 3 | 45 | 6 | ... | 8 | 4 | ... | 8 | 16 | ... |
| Do. West ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | 7 | 11 | ... | 25 | 3 | ... | ... | ... | 4 | 8 | ... | 15 | ... | ... |
| Vadasseri ... | 2 | 21 | 11 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 22 | 26 | ... | 8 | 16 | ... | 14 | 16 | ... |
| Nagercoil East ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | 9 | 13 | ... | ... | ... | 20 | 2 | ... | 2 | 10 | ... | 8 | 14 | ... |
| Do. West ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 18 | 12 | ... | 9 | 18 | ... | 19 | 24 | ... |
| Ramavarmapuram ... | 2 | 15 | 7 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 16 | 13 | 25 | 20 | ... | 11 | 20 | ... | 11 | 10 | ... |
| Vadivisvaram ... | 6 | 21 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5 | 4 | ... | 6 | 12 | .. |
| Kottar ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 42 | ... | ... | ... | 24 | ... | 5 | 4 | ... |
| Vahayadi ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 25 | 2 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 7 | 2 | ... | 10 | 26 | ... |
| Elangadai ... | 5 | 11 | 4 | 10 | 4 | 12 | 11 | 5 | 1 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Total ... | 17 | 13 | 6 | 15 | 1 | 3 | 13 | 16 | 4 | 174 | 10 | ... | 57 | 22 | ... | 100 | 10 | ... |